

Pneumonia Vaccination: The 2010 NC Healthy Carolinians immunization objective is to increase the proportion of adults 65 years of age or older who have ever been vaccinated against pneumococcal disease. According to CCME, the state vaccination rate is 45.6% based on 2004 CMS data of Medicare-only beneficiaries.

- **Black:** County immunization rate is at or above the state rate.
- **White:** County immunization rate is below the state rate.

Economic Security

Benefits Navigator: Benefits Navigator is a program using trained volunteers to help older adults and persons with disabilities access public benefits they need for economic security and well-being. The training focuses on Medicaid, MQB (or Medicare-Aid), Social Security, Food and Nutrition Services, and the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. DAAS administers this program. Medicare information and counseling is addressed by the Seniors Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP).

- **Black:** County has at least one trained Benefits Navigator volunteer.
- **White:** County has no trained Benefits Navigator volunteers.

Technology

Technology Instructor: Technology instructors are employees of the Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) that provide older adults who have vision loss with local access to training in the use of assistive technology like large print and/or speech output for computers that enable them to handle their correspondence, personal finances, and medication independently.

- **Black:** DSB has a technology instructor to serve the county.
- **White:** DSB does not have a technology instructor to serve the county.

Safety and Security

Strategic Alliances for Elders (S.A.F.E) in Long Term Care: Program staff train patrol officers, investigators, and other local law enforcement personnel about the unique situations and challenges that may present themselves when investigating alleged crimes against residents of long term care settings. DAAS works with the NC Justice Academy to administer this program.

- **Black:** County has SAFE law enforcement officers trained.
- **White:** County has no SAFE law enforcement officers trained.

Special Medical Needs Registry: Special Medical Needs Registries contain the names and addresses of individuals with medical and other special needs. The registry is an emergency preparedness tool and is used for communicating with and for people having special medical needs, to aid pre-event emergency planning and for evacuation and sheltering during actual emergencies.

- **Black:** County maintains special medical needs registry.
- **White:** County does not maintain special medical needs registry.